

## State Tuition Waiver (STW)

- “Up Front” waives 25-50% tuition at 2 year and 4 year State Higher Education institutions and Washington and Loyola College
- STW is for undergraduate and Graduate Programs (check w/school)
- An agreement between MD National Guard and the State Supported College
- Company Commander or ESO approves
- Guard member takes form directly to the college

## STW Process

- State Tuition Waiver letter must be signed by the Commander or generated by the ESO
- The guard member takes the letter to the college at the time payment is due and the college will waive 25-50% of the tuition only (*Military photo ID is required*)
- Most 4 year colleges waive 50% up to 6 credits per semester
- Can be used for undergraduate programs
- Available to Guard members upon enlistment

## Maryland Colleges and Universities offering 50% off Tuition

Allegany College of Maryland  
Anne Arundel Community College  
Baltimore City Community College  
Bowie State University (6 shs)  
Carroll Community College  
Cecil Community College  
Chesapeake Community College  
College of Southern Maryland  
Comm Coll of Baltimore County  
Coppin State University  
Frederick Community College  
Frostburg State University (6 shs)  
Garrett Community College  
Hagerstown Community College  
Harford Community College

\* *Loyola College*  
Morgan State University (8 shs)  
Montgomery College  
Prince George’s Community College  
Salisbury State University (6 shs)  
St. Mary College  
Towson University (6 shs)  
University of Baltimore  
Univ of MD @ Baltimore (25% 6 shs)  
Univ of MD Baltimore County (6 shs)  
Univ of MD Biotech Inst (6 shs)  
Univ of MD College Park (6 shs)  
Univ of MD Eastern Shore (6 shs)  
\* *Washington College*  
Wor-Wic Community College  
\* *Private Schools*

## AARTS Transcripts

- To receive college credits for military training
- You can obtain a copy of your AARTS (Army ACE Registry Transcript System) by going to: <https://aarts.army.mil/>
- Provide a neat easy to read description of military training and the suggested number of credits for the training
- DD 295 is the form to complete for soldiers enlisted prior to 1980 or commission officers.
- Soldier takes the form directly to the college

## State Tuition Assistance (STA)

- STA reimburses up to 50% of tuition and related fees with a grade of “C” or better and a minimum 2 year military obligation from the course start date.
- Soldier not eligible for STA if they are eligible for tuition/fees and cost reimbursement from any other source
- Soldier must submit grades to the Education Office within 45 days to receive payment
- Payment is mailed directly to the soldier (Funding Cap: \$5000 per FY)
- *Priority is junior enlisted (E1 –E6)*

## STA Process

- Soldier must sign STA form (MD Form 5-6)
- Must submit copy of registration and STA to education office within the first 45 days of course start date
- Submit grades within 45 days of the end of the semester.
- Can only be used for enrollment in an undergraduate program at a “Partner College”.
- *NOTE: Check gets mailed to soldier home (make sure the address is correct on the form)*

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### NGAM Scholarship Program

- National Guard Association of Maryland (NGAM) Scholarship Program
- Scholarships available to full-time and part-time students
- Scholarship grants are available to Guard members and their family members
- Complete application and submit by 2Mar

### MDARNG ROTC Scholarship

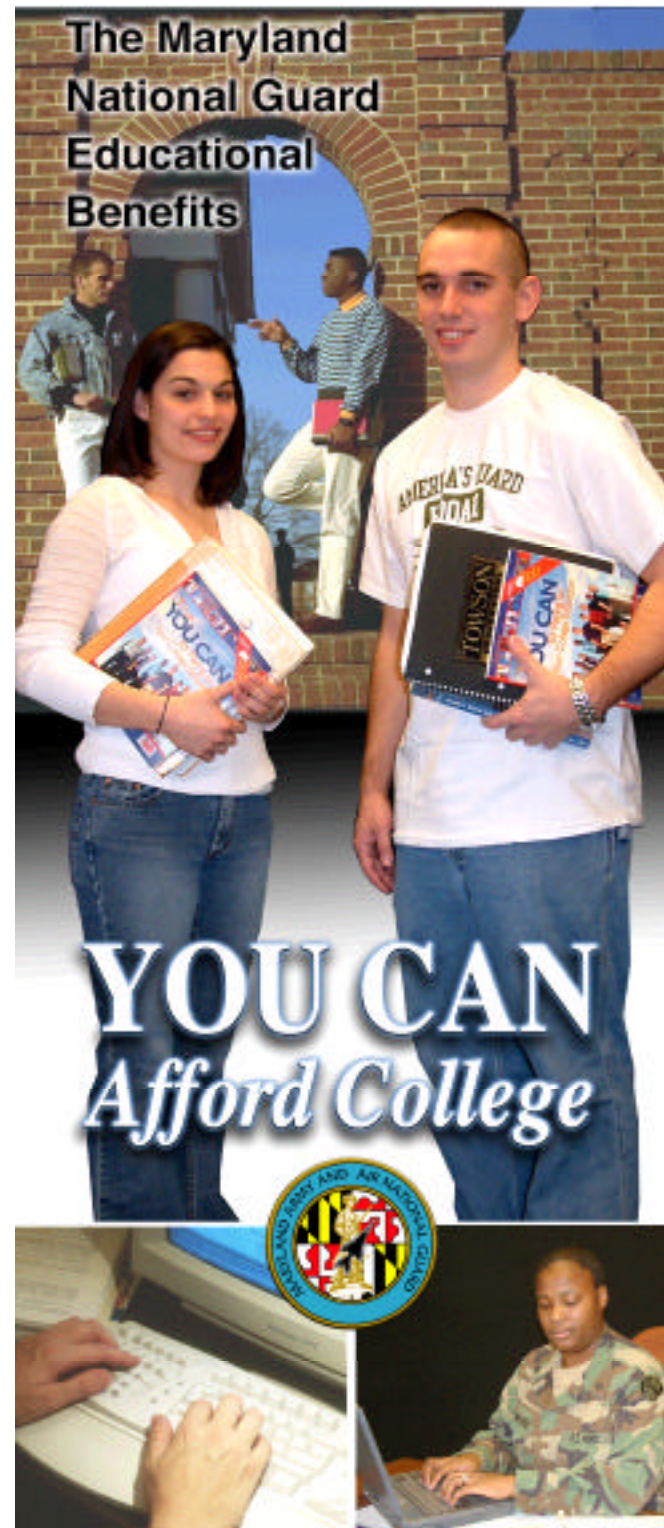
- Pays 100% of tuition and applicable fees up to \$20,000
- \$600 annual book allowance
- \$350 monthly stipend
- Guarantees cadet will be commissioned into the MDARNG
- Requires participation in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)

### ROTC Scholarship Requirements

- U.S. Citizen
- Minimum GPA 2.5
- Physically and medically qualified
- Good moral character
- Under 31 years old at commissioning
- Pass a Department of Defense MERB Physical
- Pass an Army Physical Fitness Test

### ROTC Scholarship Deadlines

- Contact the ROTC Battalion or the Education Services Office for an application
- Application deadline: 1 February.
- Soldiers/Students must appear before a Scholarship Board on 3 March.
- The Adjutant General (TAG) will select the six scholarship winners NLT 15 April. Winners will be officially notified on or after 1 May.



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# The Maryland National Guard Education Assistance Programs

The Education office goal is to provide the finest possible service and support to all members of the Maryland National Guard, to improve the use of all education benefits in the Maryland National Guard, and provide educational benefits to the majority of our members to enhance their military and civilian careers.

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## **Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)**

**The Benefit:** \$10,368

- \$288.00/month for 36 months (full-time)
- Prorated for part-time students
- Vocational, Undergraduate, Graduate study or Flight Training

### **How to Qualify**

- Must have HS Diploma/GED before use
- Six year obligation in the National Guard
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT)



## **MGIB KICKER**

**The Benefit:** \$7,200

- Additional \$200.00/month for eligible soldiers/airmen (full-time)
- Selected units and military occupational specialties
- Additional \$350.00 per month for OCS/ROTC soldiers

### **How to Qualify**

- Qualify for basic MGIB benefits plus
- Sign a contract for the Kicker
- Serve six years in the Army National Guard

### **The Bottom Line**

**MGIB Plus KICKER = \$17,568**

*• All officer candidates, Simultaneous Membership Program ROTC cadets and Warrent Officer candidates are eligible*

*• Soldiers/Airmen must be eligible for MGIB*

*• Soldiers/Airmen can extend to be eligible*

*• Must extend to have six years remaining*

## **Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)**

*(Current as of Jan 2005)*

- Pays up to 100% tuition or \$250 per semester hour (SH) or \$167 per quarter hour (QH).
- The total amount of FTA (tuition and fees) each soldier is entitled to receive during FY05 will not exceed \$4,500.

## **New FTA Procedures (FTA)**

- Soldiers will go online to complete DAForm 2171 at **www.virtualarmory.com** and submit the following:
  - Must submit Bill/Registration
- Soldier must work towards an educational goal and the next higher Degree Plan/Academic Plan
- Soldier must submit grades within 45 days after course

## **Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)**

**The Benefit:** Up to \$20,000

– For existing student loans at the time of enlistment / reenlistment

### **How to Qualify**

- Enlist for a high priority unit (See List/ Recruiter)
- Any Military Occupational Specialty in a high priority unit
- Enlist for a 6 X 2 or 8 X 0 contract period
- Must have existing loans
- Can extend for benefit in order to have 6 yrs remaining

## **Veteran's Administration Work Study Program**

The VA funds a work-study program with the Maryland National Guard to assist students in learning while working.

Guardmember's can work at a unit or any government agency

### **Eligibility:**

1. All students registered for at least nine credits using MGIB
2. Must be a member of the Maryland National Guard

### **Benefits:**

1. Tax Free Income at minimum wage rate (25 Hours/week).
2. Applications are available in the Education Office